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(54) Title: DEXTRIN-CONTAINING COMPOSITION FOR PREVENTING SURGICAL ADHESIONS

(57) Abstract

A method of preventing or reducing the incidence of post-operative adhesions in or associated with a body cavity, which comprises introducing into the body cavity a composition containing an aqueous solution or suspension or gel formulation containing the polysaccharide dextrin.